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Manual of Play. By WILLIAM BYRON FORBUSH, President of the American Institute of Child Life. Philadelphia: George W. Jacobs & Co., 1914. Illustrated. \$1.00.

Numerous books have been published dealing with games and special pastimes but the first serious attempt to provide a handbook covering the free play of children has been made by Dr. William Byron Forbush, Ph.D., author of *The Boy Problem*. The book is a veritable treasure house of play ideas which have been collected by Dr. Forbush through much correspondence with parents and teachers, and experience with the children themselves. We are told that Dr. Forbush has worked out most of his suggested plans in his own home and in his social work with boys and girls. The book will be invaluable to parents and those who have to provide for the free play of children in all its forms. The *Manual* begins with some practical ideas as to fitting up the playroom, the home yard, and the gymnasium. The actual playthings of children are discussed at some length. A schedule of plays which are most interesting to children at different ages is given, together with the laws and characteristics of growth, the correlation being made clear between what children desire to play and what is best for them to play at certain ages. As the Introduction says: "It tells parents how to play with their children, it shows parents how to help their children to play by themselves. There is a word about neighborhood and community play. While naming largely home-made playthings, it gives a carefully graded and annotated list of the best toys and occupations with their makers and approximate prices." There are full descriptions of plays which develop the sense of touch, the sense of hearing, the "muscle sense," and the sense of direction and distances. The discussions in every instance are thoroughly scientific, whether from the standpoint of psychology, physical education, or principles of education in general, and make an appeal to the professional reader. There are infinite suggestions on play with dolls, the arrangement of dolls for stories, plays of mimic life, plays of impersonation, laughter plays, serial plays, etc. The author has undoubtedly succeeded through this *Manual* in helping to lead to a revival of the play spirit in the hearts of older people and to a richer possibility of home, school, and community life.

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Memorabilia Mathematica or The Philomath's Quotation Book. By ROBERT EDOUARD MORITZ, PH.D., PH.N.D., Professor of Mathematics in the University of Washington. New York: Macmillan, 1914. Royal 8vo, pp. vii+410. \$3.00.

This interesting volume is made up of more than two thousand quotations relating to various phases of mathematics, conveniently arranged in chapters representing different aspects of the subject. Introductory chapters on